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July 8, 1999

Austin M. Lee, Chair  
Lobbying Disclosure Committee  
State Ethics Commission  
309 Finance Building  
Harrisburg, PA 17108-1470

Re: IRRC Regulation #63-06 (#1997)  
Lobbying Disclosure Committee  
Lobbying Disclosure

Dear Mr. Lee:

The Independent Regulatory Review Commission approved the subject regulation at its July 8, 1999 public meeting. Our Order is enclosed and is available on our website at <http://www.irrc.state.pa.us>.

We appreciate the joint effort that went into producing a regulation that met the criteria and intent of the Regulatory Review Act.

Sincerely,

  
John R. McGinley, Jr.  
Chairman

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cc: Mark Corrigan, Secretary of the Senate  
Ted Mazia, Chief Clerk of the House  
Michael Fisher, Attorney General  
Honorable Kim Pizzingrilli, Secretary  
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Commissioners Present:

Public Meeting Held July 8, 1999

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Lobbying Disclosure Committee  
Lobbying Disclosure

Regulation No. 63-6

**BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION**

On January 20, 1999, the Independent Regulatory Review Commission (Commission) received this proposed regulation from the Lobbying Disclosure Committee (LDC). This rulemaking amends 51 Pa. Code by adding Chapters 31 - 45. The authority for this regulation is contained in Sections 1305(b)(3)(iii) and 1310(c) of the Lobbying Disclosure Act (Act) (65 Pa.C.S. §§ 1305(b)(3)(iii) and 1310(c)). The proposed regulation was published in the January 30, 1999 *Pennsylvania Bulletin* with a 30-day public comment period. The final-form regulation was submitted to the Commission on May 26, 1999. At its June 17, 1999 public meeting, the Commission voted to disapprove the final-form regulation. On June 23, 1999, the LDC notified the Commission of its intent to revise and resubmit the regulation. On June 24, 1999, the revised final-form regulation was submitted to the Commission.

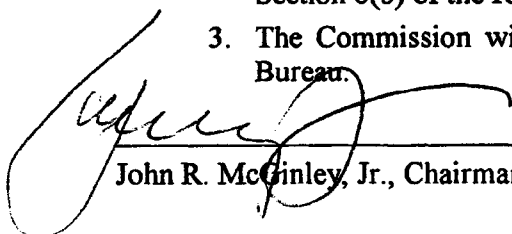
This regulation is being promulgated to implement the Act. The proposed regulations, like the Act, outline what constitutes lobbying, who must register, what must be reported, and auditing and enforcement procedures.

Comments in support of the revised final-form regulation were received from Senators Brightbill, Mellow and Lemmond, members of the subcommittee established by the Rules and Executive Nominations Committee to review this regulation; and Stephen C. MacNett, General Counsel for the Senate Majority Caucus.

We have reviewed the revised final-form regulation and find it to be in the public interest. The LDC made numerous revisions in its resubmital to address the concerns raised by this Commission and the Senate. Where changes were not made, the rationale provided by the LDC supports their position and is consistent with the criteria of the Regulatory Review Act.

**THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED THAT:**

1. Regulation No. 63-6 from the Lobbying and Disclosure Committee, as resubmitted to the Commission on June 24, 1999, is approved;
2. The Commission's bar to final publication of Regulation No. 63-6 issued pursuant to Section 6(b) of the Regulatory Review Act is hereby rescinded; and
3. The Commission will transmit a copy of this Order to the Legislative Reference Bureau.

  
John R. McGinley, Jr., Chairman

